

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 16 to 25 (cancelled).

1 26. (Previously presented) A method of making a pipe
2 assembly which comprises the steps of:

3 a. forming a pipe having an end and provided with an
4 internal wear-resistant coating resistant to chemical attack and of
5 uniform thickness over a length of said pipe;

6 b. removing part of said internal coating to provide an
7 annular recess at said end forming a housing while leaving a
8 remainder of said internal coating around said recess continuing as
9 an in-line prolongation of said internal coating to the end face of
10 said pipe; and

11 c. inserting a tubular first portion of a pipe fitting
12 into said housing at said end and anchoring said tubular first
13 portion therein, said tubular first portion being provided with an
14 internal wear-resistant and chemical-attack-resistant coating so
15 that an interior surface thereof is flush with an interior surface
16 of the internal coating of the pipe adjacent said fitting, said
17 fitting having a second portion external of said pipe and integral
18 with said first portion for connection to another pipe fitting.

1 27. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim
2 26, further comprising the steps of fitting a clamping member over
3 said pipe around said tubular first portion.